Parallel Railway Line between Lucknow and Varanasi

4578. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was/is any proposal for laying a parallel line and also its electrification between Lucknow and Varanasi Via Sultanpur;

(b) if so, the details thereof, with target date, if any; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Double line (parallel) exists from Lucknow to Utraitia and Jafarabad to Varanasi. A survey for doubling of the balance portion of line between Utraitia and Jafarabad via Sultanpur (220 kms.) sanctioned in October 1994 at a cost of Rs. 13.20 lakhs has been taken up by the Railway. Further consideration of the project would be possible once the survey report becomes available.

There is, however at present no proposal to electrify Lucknow-Varanasi section due to constraints of resources and priority for other high density routes.

(c) Does not arise.

12.00 NOON

(The Deputy Chairman in the Chair)

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report and Accounts (1994-95) of the Central Work Council, New Delhi and Related Papers

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): Madam, I lay on the Table—

(a) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 8A of the Wakf Act, 1954:—

(i) Annual Report of the Central Wakf Council, New Delhi, for the year 1994-95.

(ii) Annual Accounts of the Central Wakf Council, New Delhi, for the year 1994-95, and the Audit Report thereon.

(iii) Review by Government on the working of the above Council, (b) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (I) above.

[Placed in Library for (a) & (b) *See* No. LT 2051/97]

I. Memorandum of understanding between Govt, of India (Ministry of Steel) and the Steel Authority of India Limited. For the year 1997-98

II. Memorandum of Understanding between Govt, of India (Ministry of Mines/and the Hindustan Zinc Limited.) for the year 1997-98

III. Memorandum of Understanding between Govt, of India (Ministry of Mines/and the Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited) for the year 1997-98

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) Madam, I lay on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

I. Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Steel) and Steel Authority of India Limited, for the year 1997-98.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT2056/97]

II. Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Mines) and Hindustan Zinc Limited, for the year 1997-98.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT 2054/97)

III. Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of

Mines) and Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited, for the year 1997-98. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT 2053/97]

Statement Regarding withdrawal from the Contingency fund of India in terms of Ministry of Finance (Dcptt. of Economic Affairs)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESHWARLU) Madam, on behalf of Shri P. Chidambaram, I lay on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) regarding withdrawal of an amount of Rs.07.20 crores from the Contingency Fund of India, in terms of Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) O.M. No. F.7 (15)-B/RA/82 dated the 13th April, 1982. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT 2078/97]

I. Reports and Accounts (1992-93 to 1994-95) of the Rampur Raza Library and related papers

II. Notifications of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Dcptt. of Woman and Child Development)

III. Report and Accounts (1990-91 to 1994-95) of the Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, New Delhi and related papers

IV. Report and Accounts (1991-92 to 1993-94) of the Asiatic Society, Calcutta and related Papers

V. Report and Accounts (1994-95) of the Allahabad Museum Society, Allahabad and related papers

VI. Report and Accounts (1993-94) of the Raja Rammohan Roy Library Foundation. Calcutta and related papers

VII. Report and Accounts (1994-95 to 1995-96) of the Asiatic Society, Calcutta and related papers

VIII. Report and Accounts (1995-96) of the National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development. (Volumes I & II). New Delhi and related papers

IX. Report and Accounts (1991-92) of the Delhi Public Library and related papers

X. Report and Accounts (1994-95 and 1995-96) of the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalya, Bhopal and related papers

XI. Report and Accounts (1993-94) of the Delhi Public Library and related papers

XII. Report and Accounts (1993-94) of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi and related papers

XIII. Report and Accounts (1992-93) of the Central Instituc for Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi and related papers

XIV. Report and Accounts (1993-94) of the National Commission for women, New Delhi and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI):

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (4) of section 21 of the Rampur Raja Library Act, 1975:—

(i) (a) Eighteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the R3mpur Raza Library, for the year 1992-93, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Library.

[Placed in Library. See No. LT-2082/97]

(ii) (a) Nineteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the